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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Previously Canceled).

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21. (Previously presented) An immunogenic composition comprising a viral antigen and ribavirin for co-administration thereof, wherein said viral antigen is a nucleic acid.
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22. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a hepatitis antigen.
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23. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis antigen is a hepatitis C viral antigen.
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24. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 23, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS3.
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25. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS4A.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

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28. (Previously presented) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 16.
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29. (Amended) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises a fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 13 that encodes an antigenic peptide.

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30. (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a viral antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

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31.¹¹ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

32.¹² (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

B 33.¹³ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid, that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS3; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

34.¹⁴ (Previously presented) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS4A; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

35. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

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36. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a peptide comprising an antigenic fragment of the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 1.

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